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### **Commentary**

# Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month



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Then-Tech. Sgt. Jose Melendez re-enlists in the U.S. Air Force during a 2008 ceremony. Now-1st Lt. Melendez encourages Hispanics to be proud of their heritage.

1st Lt. Jose Melendez

509th Operation Support Squadron

It's been almost 13 years since I joined the Air Force. To this day, I can still remember sitting at the Military Entrance Processing Station in San Juan, Puerto Rico, waiting to be taken to the airport.

Little did I know that my six-year plan would turn into one of the best decisions I've ever made. See, I first joined the Air Force because of the education benefits; never did I think I would grow to love the military lifestyle.

I joined in 2001 as a weather forecaster, and by 2007, I had cross-trained into medical maintenance. The first few years I devoted to knowing my job and the Air Force lifestyle. Afterward, I set out to fulfill my initial plan to finish school. By the time I was a technical sergeant, I was able to finish two Community College of the Air Force degrees, a bachelor of arts and an MBA.

It took lots of sacrifice and sleepless nights, and the support of my wife, daughter and coworkers, but by my 10-year mark, I earned my commission and came back to the weather career field.

Now why is this important? Well, as a Hispanic I have faced many of the challenges others also have. My dad did not finish high school and received his GED in order to become a police officer, a position he served in for 30 years.

My parents separated when I was young, and my mother, brother and I moved to New York when I was 9. At first we lived in the projects for a few years and my mom required government assistance until she was

able to acquire a steady job. Having been born in Puerto Rico, learning English and a new culture was a challenge for my brother and me. There were many hardships we had to overcome and new things to learn.

Once I graduated high school, I had no idea of what to do in life. One day I walked up to a local university and decided to visit the admissions office.

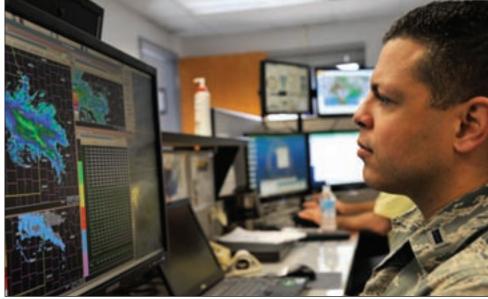
This was a new world for me. My parents had never encouraged me to go to college. It wasn't something that they were familiar with. However, I saw most of my friends doing this after high school and gave it a shot. It all went well until I ran out of money. And then the Air Force became a

major part of life.

As we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, I am proud of my roots and thankful for the opportunities the Air Force has provided. I always tell others that you can get as far as you want in the Air Force. All it takes is hard work and determination.

In the Air Force, your race and color don't matter; I am proof of that. Diversity has been key to the development of our great nation and I believe this is also key to the greatness of our Air Force.

During this month I ask Hispanics to be proud of their heritage and to never forget the importance of their contribution to our Air Force and service to our nation.



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U.S Air Force 1st Lt. Jose Melendez, 509th Operation Support Squadron wing weather officer, examines weather radar readouts, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., March 20, 2013. In light of Hispanic Heritage Month, Melendez said Hispanics should be proud and never forget the importance of their contributions to the Air Force and nation.

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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class William Smith, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, participates in a rescue demonstration at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 5, 2013. This demonstration was done during the kickoff event for the Fire Prevention Week.

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### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### Whiteman "Trick or Treat" hours

On Thursday Oct. 31, Whiteman families can Trick or Treat in base housing from 6 to 8 p.m. People who don't wish to participate can turn off their porch lights. Pumpkin Patrol volunteers will be monitoring the streets to make sure they stay safe for all trick or treaters.

#### October coat drive

The Whiteman Airman's Attic has partnered up with Balfour Beatty to have an October coat drive. We will both be accepting gently used coats for all ages at their offices between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. They can also bring them to the Airman's Attic Tuesday and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or leave them in our shed in behind the building. We are shooting for 100 coats

We need donations to keep coming in to keep operating. We have so much going out, so we need stuff to keep coming in as well. Our furniture side is getting very bare.

For more information, contact Tiffany Kalin, the WAFB Airman's Attic coordinator at 405-795-9347.

### Telephone news line set up for retirees

A toll-free telephone news line has been set up for retirees and surviving spouses who do not have computer access.

By calling 1-800-558-1404, retirees and spouses can stay informed using this new easy-to-use menu-driven service. Callers can select from several different topics that are compiled from various electronic news sources.

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# People...Our Greatest Source of Strength

**Chief Master Sgt. James A. Cody**Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

Roll Call!

Today's challenges remind us to not lose focus on our teammates...the Strength of Our Team. Unfortunately we have begun this fiscal year without an agreement by our government on funding for our nation, and as a result the government has shut down and a new period of uncertainty has begun.

For many of us, questions about pay have been answered, but that is not the case for our entire team. Many of our Reserve, National Guard and Civilian Airmen, who serve our nation with honor and pride, have been sent home without pay.

The shutdown affects us all in different ways, beyond our paychecks. Concerns continue to emerge and generate questions, many without answers. The uncertainty and stress of those directly affected, specifically those furloughed, are tremendous and we need to be there for each other. We're working to get you updated information as quickly as possible.

If you or a teammate is in need of assistance, there are available resources for help. The Air Force has posted and continues to update the AF.mil web site with



Chief Master Sgt. James A. Cody

the most current information we have. And of course, we have each other.

Gather as a team, reach out to one another for support, and commit to care for each other when needed most. Be honest with your concerns and share them with your teammates; let them know how they

can support you. And don't forget to reach out to those at home; make sure they are OK and keep them informed.

Although there are still many uncertainties ahead, one thing is absolutely clear: The shutdown and resulting furloughs in no way reflect on the value of the work you do every day. Your fellow Airmen, your Air Force leaders, even your civilian DoD leaders forced to make these tough decisions understand the extreme effort and dedication you give to the service of our nation.

As a service, we have a long history of celebrated accomplishments, but perhaps the accomplishment we should be most proud of us is our ability to Strengthen Our Team during periods of overwhelming challenges. Today our Air Force family is dealing with the needless strain of furloughs, reductions in service, and reduced readiness. Now is a time to come together, again, and show our true colors.

We are a team, a family...always have been. Today we must be resolute in maintaining our strength.

Airman's Roll Call is designed for supervisors at all levels to help keep Airmen informed on current issues, clear up confusion, dispel rumors, and provide additional face-to-face communication between supervisors and their teams.

# AF releases furlough-related pay information

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** -- Air Force officials released Oct. 8, the following furloughrelated questions and answers to aid service civilians with processing time and attendance.

This information was coordinated with manpower and personnel, financial management, and general counsel office experts.

Q. What status do the employees called back to work under Pay or Military Act (POMA) fall within (excepted, exempted, other)?

A. Employees who were initially furloughed and later recalled are considered appropriated funded employees from the date of recall. They are neither excepted or exempted

Q. Are employees called back to work under POMA authorized to take annual or sick leave for the pay period beginning Oct. 6, (assuming supervisor approval)? How should those hours be recorded in EMTS/ATAAPS/DCPS?

A. From Oct. 6 forward, all employees on duty are authorized to take leave (annual or sick) as approved by their supervisor in the ordinary course of business and should record leave using the appropriate leave code in the Time and Attendance system. Employees still furloughed may not take leave as they are not in duty status. If leave was taken from Oct. 1 to Oct. 4 by excepted personnel, it should have been coded leave without pay (LWOP).

#### Q. How should employees called back to work under POMA code regular hours worked in EMTS/ATAAPS/DCPS?

A. Employees should not attempt to make retroactive adjustments to the Time and Attendance system for the pay period ending Oct 5. For pay period beginning Oct 6, employees should record their time in the appropriate Time and Attendance system using the codes reflecting their status – RG for regular

hours worked, LA for annual leave, or LS for sick leave.

Q. How do non-excepted employees record their hours worked during orderly shutdown of operation, Oct. 1?

A. At this time, non-excepted employees are not authorized to record regular hours for worked performed during the orderly shutdown of operations on Oct. 1 or thereafter if it took more than one day. However, once an appropriation or continuing resolution is passed and funds are made available, employees can make retroactive changes to update those hours in EMTS/ATAAPS.

Q. When should employees begin to record time in EMTS/ATAAPS for the Pay Period beginning October 6?

A. Employees can begin recording their time for the current pay period immediately, but we recommend that all personnel wait until the end of the week to start entering time in order to take stress off of the systems at the start of the pay period.

Q. Will employees who were required to perform orderly shutdown duties receive pay for this time and when?

A. Employees who performed orderly shutdown duties will be compensated for these hours when a regular appropriation or continuing resolution is passed and funds become available.

Q. When will employees who were furloughed receive back pay?

A. The bill awarding furloughed employees back pay has not been signed into law yet. Even if the law is ultimately passed and signed by the President, employees would have to wait until an appropriation or continuing resolution is passed before they could be compensated for this time.

Q. Are employees called back to work under POMA authorized to take Comp

Time earned for the pay period beginning October 6 (assuming supervisor approval)? How should those hours be recorded in EMTS/ATAAPS/DCPS?

A. Yes, they should follow the same procedures for leave and submit a request in ATA-APS (or their respective T&A system) and code as Comp Time Taken.

Q. Are employees called back to work under POMA authorized to earn Overtime or Comp Time for the pay period beginning October 6 (assuming supervisor approval)? How should those hours be recorded in ATAAPS/DCPS?

A. Comp time and overtime remain under sequestration guideline. There is no blanket authorization for comp or overtime pay at this time. The requests should be considered under a case-by-case basis under the sequestration guidance. If OT or comp time is authorized at a later date, the employee would submit a premium hour request in ATAAPS and get hard copy 428 approval from their supervisor prior to entering the proper codes in ATAAPS (OS/OT for overtime and CE for comp time earned).

Q. Once an appropriation or continuing resolution is passed, how will employees correct their timecards in ATAAPS/DCPS?

A. Once we have an appropriation or continuing resolution (CR) and a bill authorizing the back pay for civilians under POMA, employees will submit retro changes via EMTS/ATAAPS. However, to prevent a system overload issue, we recommend the following schedule for retro changes: PACAF/USAFE/ANG/AFRC first day for two days at beginning of pay period following appropriation/CR passage; AFDW/AMC/AFMC/AFSOC third day (for two days); ACC/AETC/AFGSC fifth day for two days; and COCOMS seventh day for two days.

# Hagel receives update on shutdown from service leaders

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Defense Department's top leadership, including the service secretaries and service chiefs, updated Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel Oct. 7 on the impact of the ongoing government shutdown, Pentagon officials

In a statement summarizing the meeting, officials said Hagel was pleased that most DOD civilians are returning to work this week, and that he thanked the service leadership for quickly implementing the guidance issued over the weekend regarding furloughs.

All of the leaders noted that despite the recall of most civilians and the resumption of many activities, critical programs and benefits remain halted, officials said. For example, they noted, the department does not have the authority to pay death gratuities for the survivors of service members killed in action -- typically, a cash payment of \$100,000 paid within three days of the service member's death.

In addition, officials said, emergency funding that supports commanders on the ground and intelligence activities remains unavailable, and service leaders reported that they are further curtailing training for later deploying units -- an activity that already had been reduced due to sequestration spending cuts.

Hagel assured the service leaders that he would work closely with them to address these challenges, and support the service members and families affected by these disruptions, officials said. He expressed his continued concern for the morale and welfare of DOD's civilian employees, who have endured unprecedented uncertainty this year and suffered losses in pay, they added.

The secretary will continue to receive regular updates and review authorities to expend funds during this lapse in appropriations, the statement said.



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## Flu vaccinations are here!



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Brigitte N. Brantley U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Bussiere, 509th Bomb Wing commander, receives his annual flu shot from Staff Sgt. Heather McCoy, 509th Medical Operations Squadron aerospace medical technician, Oct. 2, 2013, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. For more information about the flu vaccine, contact the Whiteman AFB Immunizations Clinic at (660) 687-4304.

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# Whiteman Enlisted Spouses Club: A great group with great goals

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office

Life as a military spouse is challenging. Dealing with all the constant changes and expectations can be tough, so what is a spouse at Whiteman to do?

Join the Whiteman Enlisted Spouses Club!

The women and men of WESC aim to promote volunteerism, camaraderie and the spirit of charitable service through a diverse membership while improving the base and local community.

"WESC is a great group of women who have become my family," said Julie Wolf, who serves as the club's president. "We join to have things in common, and to volunteer and do things for other people. Our goals are to Encourage, Support and Celebrate each other. Come check us out!"

WESC is open to any spouse of an enlisted Service member and aims to be a positive support system spouses can benefit from during their time here.

The monthly general membership meeting is typically held the third Tuesday of each month. Social time starts at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting kicks off at 7 p.m. The location varies, so be sure to keep up to date with all meeting information on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/312372108886/.

The club's members stay busy with a packed social calendar.

Here is a list of upcoming events they will be participating in.

Oct. 15 - Monthly general membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Royal Oaks Golf Course. This will be a combined meeting with the Whiteman Officers Spouses Club for the annual Bunco game)

Oct. 18 - Meals for Airmen at the Spirit Café. This month is a chili pok-off.

Oct. 26 - Monthly WESC Bunco, to be held at the LifeWorks house. The theme will be "Halloween," so be sure to check out the Facebook page for more information!

Nov. 9 - Annual craft fair from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Knob Noster High School gym

In addition to all the "fun only" events, the spouses also manage to combine volunteer events with ... more fun! From just to July through September, the spouses logged nearly 440 hours of volunteer hours.

At the recent American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life, they were the top team in Johnson County and raised approximately \$2,800. They also recently donated numerous school supplies to local elementary schools. Every other month, they also host a meal at the Spirit Café for the Airmen of Whiteman.

Another big upcoming project is the annual cookie drive in December. The club teams up with WOSC to organize, collect and hand out homemade cookies for Airmen who live in the dorms. Last year, it was nearly 7,000 cookies!

And it doesn't stop there. The club also sponsors an annual scholarship program for Whiteman military families, and they also organize various social activities and opportunities for both members and their families.

So whether you are a spouse new to Whiteman, new to the Air Force or if you just want to get out and meet some great people, come check out the Whiteman Enlisted Spouses Club!

For more information, join the Facebook group at Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/312372108886/ or email whitemanesc@gmail.com or wescvpres@gmail.com

We look forward to meeting you!



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Members of the Whiteman Enlisted Spouses Club often participate in community events such as Relay for Life, the Wounded Warrior 5K and donating supplies to local schools. One of the organization's goals is to volunteer and do things for other people.



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Lynda Wilcox, Whiteman Enlisted Spouses Club co-chair, cleans up the Thrift Store at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 1, 2013. Keeping the Thrift Store organized helps the WESC focus on improving the lives of Airmen and their families across the base, as they are regularly involved in numerous community projects, and donate to various scholarships.

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- Julie Wolf, WESC president

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 15

(general membership meeting)
Bunco! at the Royal Oaks Golf
Course at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 9
Annual Craft Fair at the
Knob Noster High School gym
from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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From left to right: Karen Sligh, Brianna Paine and Cindy Dahl paint pottery during the July general membership meeting for the Whiteman Enlisted Spouses Club. The goal of the WESC is for its members to encourage, support and celebrate each other.

# Mouth guards: Sports equipment that protects the smile

**American Dental Association** 

It's easy to take some things for granted until they're suddenly gone. Have you ever thought about how it would feel if you lost one or two of your front teeth?

You'd probably avoid smiling. It would be uncomfortable talking with someone face-toface. It wouldn't be easy pronouncing certain words. And how about eating an apple? Until your teeth are gone, you might not miss these

Each year, thousands of people get hurt on the playing field, the basketball court, or while skateboarding and biking, to name a few. Blows to the face in nearly every sport can injure your teeth, lips, cheeks and tongue.

A properly-fitted mouth guard, or mouth protector, is an important piece of athletic gear that can protect your teeth and smile. You may have seen them used in contact sports, such as football, boxing and ice hock-

However, you don't have to be on the football field to benefit from a mouth guard. New findings in sports dentistry show that even in non-contact sports such as gymnastics, roller-blading and field hockey, mouth guards help protect teeth. Many experts recommend that a mouth guard be worn for any recreational activity that poses a risk of injury

There are three types of mouth guards: The ready-made, or stock, mouth guard; the mouth-formed "boil and bite" mouth guard; and the custom-made mouth guard made by your dentist. All three mouth guards provide protection but vary in comfort and cost.

The most effective mouth guard should have several features. It should be resilient, tear-resistant and comfortable. It should fit properly, be durable and easy to clean, and not restrict your speech or breathing.

Generally, a mouth guard covers only the upper teeth, but in some cases the dentist will instead make a mouth guard for the lower teeth. Your dentist can suggest the right mouth guard for you.

Here are some suggestions for taking good care of your mouth guard:

- · Before and after each use, rinse it with cold water or with an antiseptic mouth rinse. You can clean it with toothpaste and a tooth-
- When it's not used, place your mouth guard in a firm, perforated container. This permits air circulation and helps prevent
- Avoid high temperatures, such as hot water, hot surfaces or direct sunlight, which can distort the mouth guard.
- Check it for tears, holes and poor fit. A mouth guard that's torn or in bad shape can irritate your mouth and lessen the amount of protection it provides.
- Have regular dental checkups and bring your mouth guard along so the dentist can make sure it's still in good condition.

Don't take your teeth for granted. Protect your smile with a mouth guard.



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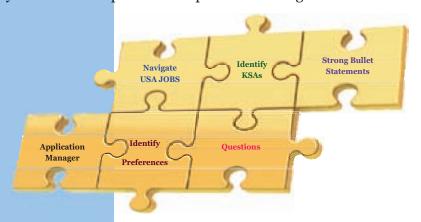
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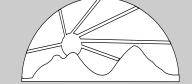
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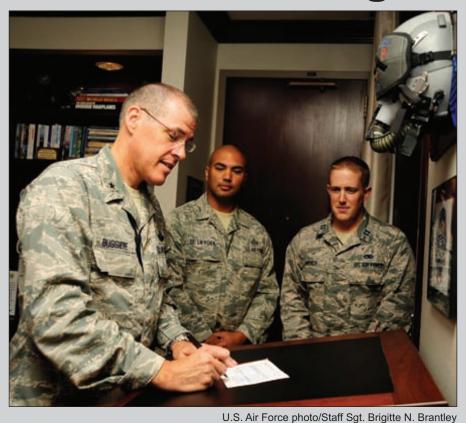
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U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Bussiere, 509th Bomb Wing commander, signs his Combined Federal Campaign pledge card Oct. 2, 2013, at Whiteman

signs his Combined Federal Campaign pledge card Oct. 2, 2013, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., as CFC coordinators Master Sgt. John De La Rosa, middle, and Capt. Kenneth French look on. Whiteman's goal for this year's campaign is \$140,000. For more information about the CFC, visit www.heartlandcfc.org.



## AF Youth of the Year recognized



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U.S. Air Force Col. Kristin Goodwin, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, presents Zachary Parsons, with the 2013 Air Force Youth of the Year program, Sept. 25, 2013, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

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The Year of the B-2 Gala held Sept. 28, 2013, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., celebrated 20 years of the B-2 Spirit's power. It took many hours of hard work from a dedicated team of volunteers to transform a hangar into a formal event hall.



U.S. Air Force Master Sgts. William and Dawn Couey, from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron and 509th Force Support Squadron respectively, cut the B-2 Spirit cake during the Year of the B-2 Gala held Sept. 28, 2013, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. The Coueys and dozens of other volunteers coordinated for months to make the evening a success.

The Year of the B-2 Gala held Sept. 28, 2013, at Whiteman Air Force Base. Mo., celebrated 20 years of the B-2 Spirit's power as well as the Air Force's 66th birthday. The hangar was transformed and featured separate rooms honoring different periods of the B-2's history.





Retired Lt. Gen. Ronald Marcotte speaks during the Year of the B-2 Gala Sept. 28, 2013, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Marcotte was the commander of the 509th Bomb Wing in 1993 when the first B-2 Spirit arrived at Whiteman. Units from all over Whiteman worked together to make the gala a successful event.

"What a record, what a base, what a community...what an aircraft and again a testament to all those past and present who helped make it all happen. They, all of you, and those you represent are the wind beneath the wings of the most spectacular aircraft ever developed."

--Retired Lt. Gen. Ronald Marcotte

# Thank You ...

"The Year of the B-2 Gala was an incredible success, with more than 500 Airmen, guests, family members and former Team Whiteman leaders spending the evening celebrating 20 years of the B-2. But none of that would have been possible without hours of hard work and effort from the Gala committee and volunteers who transformed Bldg. 52 from an aircraft hangar into a ballroom worthy of a formal event. Team Whiteman is proud to recognize the following men and women for everything they did to make this night one to remember!"

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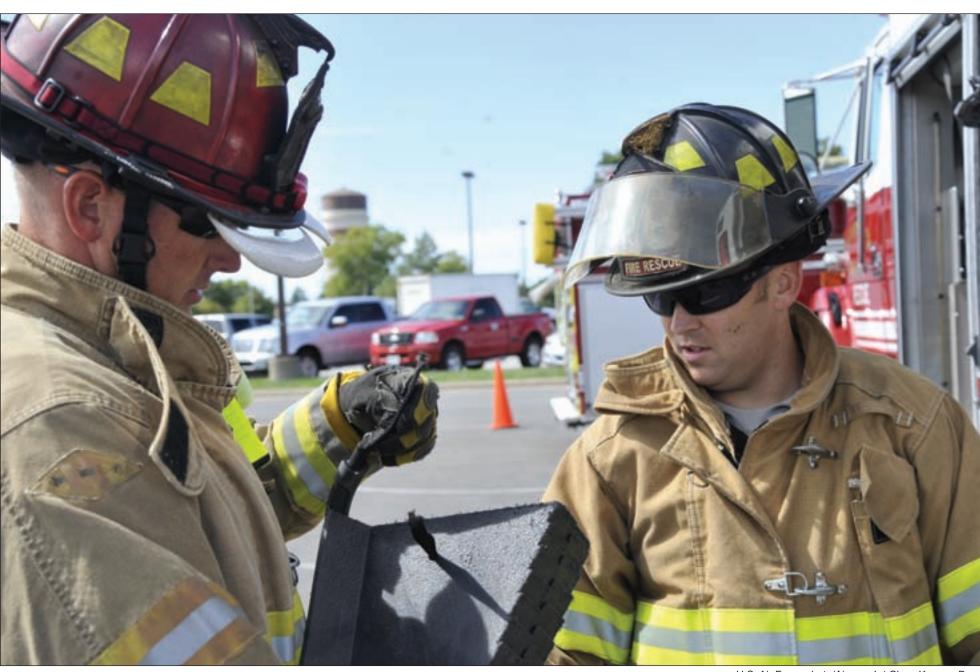
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### News

# Whiteman recognizes Fire Prevention Week



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U.S. Air Force Mark Kinsey, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron fire truck crew chief, left, and Staff Sgt. Daniel Baumgarter, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron fire truck crew chief, inspect cribbing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., 5 Oct., 2013. Cribbing is used to stabilize the car so that the fireghters can proceed to the driver with caution.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Keenan Berry

U.S. Air Force 509th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters and 509th Medical Group ambulance response team demonstrate rescue procedures at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., 5 Oct., 2013. During the Fire Prevention Day, this demonstration was performed in front of an audience to inform them of how the fire fighters and ambulance response team respond to car accidents.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Brigitte N. Brantley 509th Bomb Wing Fire Department mascot Sparky high-fives a fan at the kickoff event for Fire Prevention Week Oct. 5, 2013, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. The 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department held the event to raise awareness for fire safety in the kitchen.



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# **Chief's Choice Award**



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Keenan Berry U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Andrew Curzon, 509th Operations Support Squadron intel journeyman, receives the September Chiefs' Choice Award at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Sept. 18, 2013. Curzon gave intel briefings to 509th Bomb Wing leadership, was recently coined by the 8th Air Force command chief for his exceptional subject matter expertise during his intel operations briefing, and sponsored a flight off-site cave tour for Airmen and their

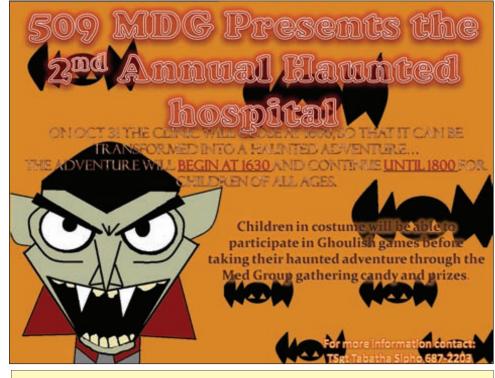
# The 509th Medical Group presents ... the 2nd annual Haunted Hospital

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### **Sports**

# This Week in Sports – Games of the Week, Fantasy Outlook





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**By 1st Lt. John Cooper** 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

#### **GAMES TO WATCH**

### New Orleans Saints at New England Patriots

I'll still have a ton of grad work due by the end of the week, but I'll plan to read about democratization in the developing world while watching Tom Brady square off with Drew Brees at Foxboro. This game should be electric. The Saints, with Sean Payton back at the helm and reinvigorating the offensive play-calling, are the best team in the NFC, led by Brees and tight end Jimmy Graham, who's on pace to match records set by 49ers great Jerry Rice. After his Week 4 performance, Graham was named the NFC Offensive Player of the Month, the first tight end to win the award...since it was created in 1986.

On the other side of the ball, you've got Tom Brady, and while his receiving corps is not what it used to be, it still is replete with talent. Plus, superstar TE Rob Gronkowski's slated to return to action, so we'll be treated to a game matching the two best tight ends in the NFL. This should be an action-packed game, and



though I love Tom Brady at home, Drew Brees just went to Soldier Field and beat the Bears, and I'll pick the Saints to win at Gillette Stadium, 32-28.

#### **Dallas Cowboys at Washington Redskins**

I think this game will finally be RGIII's opportunity to shine on the national stage. Washington is coming off their bye week, and their offense should be excited to go up against the defense that gave up 51 points to Peyton Manning and the Broncos last Sunday. RGIII certainly is no Peyton Manning, but the issues with Dallas' secondary still remain.

Unfortunately for Washington, their own passing defense is arguably worse than Dallas', and against QB Tony Romo that will prove a major liability. I would argue Romo is the most underrated quarterback in the NFL; in 2011, he ranked fourth in QB efficiency in 2011, seventh in 2012 and fifth this year before his 506yard performance against the Broncos. Since 2006, he's led 19 fourth-quarter/ overtime winning drives. Yeah, he's thrown some key interceptions in some key moments, but he's still a solid QB option, and with WR Dez Bryant, TE Jason Witten and breakout receiver Terrance Williams supporting this high-powered offense, I'm picking the Cowboys to win

#### FANTASY WATCH

Alright, in this week's Fantasy Watch, I'll tell you who to pick up off the waiver wire, who to drop from your roster and who to stash for success later in the season

Starting with this week's pickup, if at all possible, I would add Chicago Bears wideout Alshon Jeffery. In fantasy, many

players flash once or twice, and then ultimately fade and take up a space on your roster as you hope they eventually perform at their peak again; I don't think that will be the case with Jeffery. The Bears' no. 2 wide receiver has proved to be a key target for Jay Cutler, especially with opposing defenses keying in on Brandon Marshall. His reception totals have steadily increased since Week 3, and against a surprisingly decent Saints D, he caught 10 passes for a whopping 218 yards and a touchdown. Pick him up and start him, especially this week against a terrible Giants secondary. He's a solid flex play for the remainder of the year, at the very least, and I would use him as WR3, as well.

On the other side of the equation, five weeks in, there are a couple players I would cut. First on my list - Rams WR Tavon Austin. Austin just hasn't been a top target for QB Sam Bradford, and he's really only had one dynamic game from a fantasy perspective, back in Week 2 against Atlanta. I, like millions of others, drafted him thinking he would bring a spark to the Rams offense, but Bradford has leaned heavily on fellow receivers Chris Givens and Austin Pettis, and freeagent acquisition TE Jared Cook. Austin just isn't worth the risk inherent in starting him, and he's taking up a valuable spot on your bench.

I'd also drop Seahawks WR Sidney Rice. Rice has solid talent, but in three of five games this year has caught only one target. His best game was against Jacksonville, when he hauled in five balls or 79 yards and two TDs. In the other four games he's been irrelevant from a fantasy perspective. Seattle is primarily a running team, with Russell Wilson at QB and Marshawn Lynch taking handoffs, and with

Golden Tate, Doug Baldwin and soon, Percy Harvin, competing for targets, Rice is the odd man out.

So finally, who should you stash on your bench to be ready for the secondhalf of the season? Here's three players I'd pick up if you have the space on your bench or an IR spot. First, Seattle WR Percy Harvin. I would look at picking him up near the end of the month, as he'll be the Seahawks go-to option in the air, assuming he stays healthy coming off hip surgery. The upside here is fantastic, and I'd roll the dice on giving him a roster spot. Second, Patriots RB Shane Vereen. He's not slated to come back until Week 11 after being placed on IR by New England, but once he comes back, look for him to be the no.1 back for the Patriots. He had a great first game, and as his owner, I was depressed to see him get hurt. Pick him up now while no one else is looking at him. Finally, I would pick up Cardinals running back Andre Ellington. He's fully healthy, but he's also behind Rashard Mendenhall on the depth chart, and hasn't gotten a lot of attention yet. Behind Larry Fitzgerald, he's the best offensive weapon Arizona has, and I think he'll be the starter before too long. Pick him up while you can.



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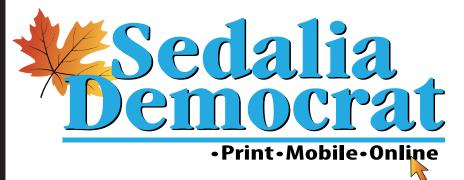
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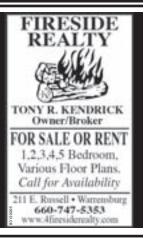
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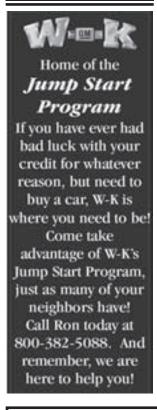
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